

Provisional Vital Statistics for November 2003

Live births increased in November as 6,009 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,631 one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 12 months ending with November also show an increase, from 76,958 in 2002 to 76,572 in 2003.

Deaths decreased in November as 3,820 Missourians died compared with 4,065 in November 2002. Deaths also decreased for the cumulative 11- and 12-month periods ending with November.

The **Natural increase** for November was 2,189 (6,009 live births minus 3,820 deaths). The natural increase rose for all three periods shown below.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown below.

Dissolutions of marriage increased in November, but decreased slightly for the cumulative 11- and 12-month periods. For the 12 months ending with November, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 1.84 to 1.78.

Infant deaths increased slightly in November, but decreased for the cumulative 11- and 12-month periods ending with November. For January-November, the infant death rate decreased from 8.6 to 8.1 per 1,000 live births.

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Item	November				Jan-Nov Cumulative				12 months ending with November				
	Number		Rate*		Number		Rate*		Number		Rate*		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
Live Births	5,631	6,009	12.9	12.4	69,781	69,682	13.5	13.3	75,958	76,572	13.4	13.4	13.4
Deaths	4,065	3,820	9.3	7.9	51,994	49,158	10.1	9.4	55,664	54,037	9.7	9.8	9.5
Natural increase	1,566	2,189	3.6	4.5	17,787	20,524	3.4	3.9	20,294	22,535	3.7	3.6	3.9
Marriages	2,883	1,942	6.6	4.0	39,162	37,860	7.6	7.2	41,763	40,250	7.5	7.4	7.1
Dissolutions	1,677	1,954	3.9	4.0	20,656	20,633	4.0	3.9	22,640	22,570	4.2	4.0	4.0
Infant deaths	41	46	7.3	7.7	602	566	8.6	8.1	642	625	7.9	8.5	8.2
Population base (in thousands)	...	...	5,674	5,709	...	...	5,674	5,709	...	...	5,633	5,591	5,706

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Rates are adjusted to account for varying lengths of monthly reporting periods.

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